

Service Date: May 24, 1983

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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| IN THE MATTER Of The Application ) | UTILITY DIVISION   |
| Of The BUTTE WATER COMPANY For )   | DOCKET NO. 83.3.15 |
| Authority To Increase Rates And )  | ORDER NO. 4977a    |
| Charges For Water Service To Its ) |                    |
| Butte, Montana Customers. )        |                    |

MODIFICATION OF INTERIM RATE ORDER NO. 4977

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 10, 1983, Butte Water Company ( Applicant or BWC ) filed a "Motion To Modify Interim Rate Order No. 4977", issued by this Commission on May 3, 1983, that order authorized the Applicant an interim revenue increase of \$39,181 on an annual basis.
2. Order No. 4977 provided that the Applicant was to generate the authorized revenue increase "by increasing the rate for all services provided by the Applicant on the basis of a uniform percentage increase .'. '
3. The Applicant requested that the order be modified to allow the Applicant to generate the authorized revenue increase "by increasing the rate for all services provided by the Applicant, other than sprinkling, on the basis of a uniform percentage increase .
4. The Applicant states that it has already mailed its bills for sprinkling service to customers for the 1983 sprinkling season, and therefore, if the authorized interim revenue increase were spread on a uniform percentage basis to all services, BWC could not collect the full amount of the authorized increase.
5. The Commission finds that since the Applicant has already rendered its bills for the 1983 sprinkling season, it would be appropriate for the Commission to authorize the Applicant to generate the authorized revenue increase by increasing the rate for all services provided by the Applicant, other than sprinkling, on the basis of a uniform percentage increase.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Butte Water Company is a public utility furnishing water service to customers in the Butte, Montana area, and is subject to the supervision, regulation and control of this Commission pursuant to Section 69-3-102, MCA.

2. Section 69-3-304, MCA, provides in part, "The Commission may in its discretion, temporarily approve increases pending a hearing or final decision."

3. The Commission concludes that the grant of an interim rate increase, as modified, in the manner set forth herein is just, reasonable and within the discretion granted by Section 69-3-304, MCA.

ORDER

THEREFORE, THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Ordering paragraph 2 of Order No. 4977, Docket NO. 83.3.15, is amended to read:

The Butte Water Company is to file revised tariff schedules spreading the increased revenues as a uniform percentage increase to all services except sprinkling.

2. Order No. 4977 is true and correct in all other aspects and shall remain in full force and effect, except to the extent modified herein.

DONE IN OPEN' SESSION, at Helena, Montana this 23rd day of May, 1983 by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

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Thomas J. Schneider, Chairman

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Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner

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John B. Driscoll, Commissioner

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Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

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Danny Oberg, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill  
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.